

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Transferring Selected Post Office Box  
Service Locations to the Competitive  
Product List

Docket No. MC2011-25

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1

(Issued June 6, 2011)

In Order No. 732, the Commission established this proceeding to consider a request by the Postal Service to transfer Post Office Box (P.O. Box) Service at approximately 6,800 locations from the market dominant to the competitive product list.<sup>1</sup>

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.6, the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. The responses are to be provided as soon as they are developed, but no later than June 13, 2011.

1. The Postal Service proposes to transfer P.O. Box Service locations from all seven market dominant fee groups to the competitive product list. See "CompetitiveLocations.xls," which was filed with the Request. Currently, all competitive P.O. Box Service locations are assigned to one fee group, Fee Group 31.<sup>2</sup> If the Request is approved, please explain how the language in the Mail Classification Schedule would address the fee groups for competitive P.O. Box Service.

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<sup>1</sup> Request of the United States Postal Service to Transfer Post Office Box Service in Selected Locations to the Competitive Product List, May 13, 2011 (Request).

<sup>2</sup> See *Postal Bulletin* 22301, December 30, 2010, at 47.

2. Please refer to the Request, Attachment B at 4. The Postal Service states, “The total number of customers from the 49 locations whose contracts were up for renewal was 13,284.” *Id.* n.7. Please confirm that 13,284 represent the total number of customers for the months of February, March, and April 2011 whose contracts were up for renewal. If not confirmed, please explain what the 13,284 number represents.
  
3. Please refer to the Request, Attachment B at 4-5 which states: “The Postal Service submits that Post Office Box service locations that serve customers who have access to PMBs within five miles of their residences face direct competition from such PMBs....”
  - a. Please explain how the Postal Service determined that 5 miles is the appropriate metric for identifying competitive P.O. Box Service locations.
  - b. Please provide any surveys or other data supporting the 5-mile metric.

By the Chairman.

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